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SUBJECT : Three New Airfields  
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PHOTO DATA:

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ENCLOSURES: Location map and photographs showing Esriye, Saygal and Deir Ez Zoir (South) airfields.

REMARKS:

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Three new Syrian airfields having marked similarities in appearance and in type of construction appear on [redacted] photography. Each airfield consists of one simply constructed, compacted natural-surface runway 8,000 by 150 feet which blends in with the surrounding terrain in such a way as to make detection difficult. Each airfield is further characterized by isolation and lack of any permanent facilities. These simple, easily built airfields have probably been constructed to provide for the dispersal and concealment of military aircraft in time of emergency. For purposes of discussion, these airfields have been provisionally named Esriye, Saygal and Deir Ez Zoir South.

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Esriye Airfield, reported [redacted] is located at 35°17'N/38°04'E, approximately fifteen nautical miles (nm) southeast of the town of Esriye (Asriyah). The runway is oriented east-southeast/west-northwest and delineated by some type of black markings on the ground. At the time of photography sixteen tents, one fuel truck, two trucks, and one jeep-type vehicle were present. Also observed were seven Frescos dispersed on the northwest side of the field.

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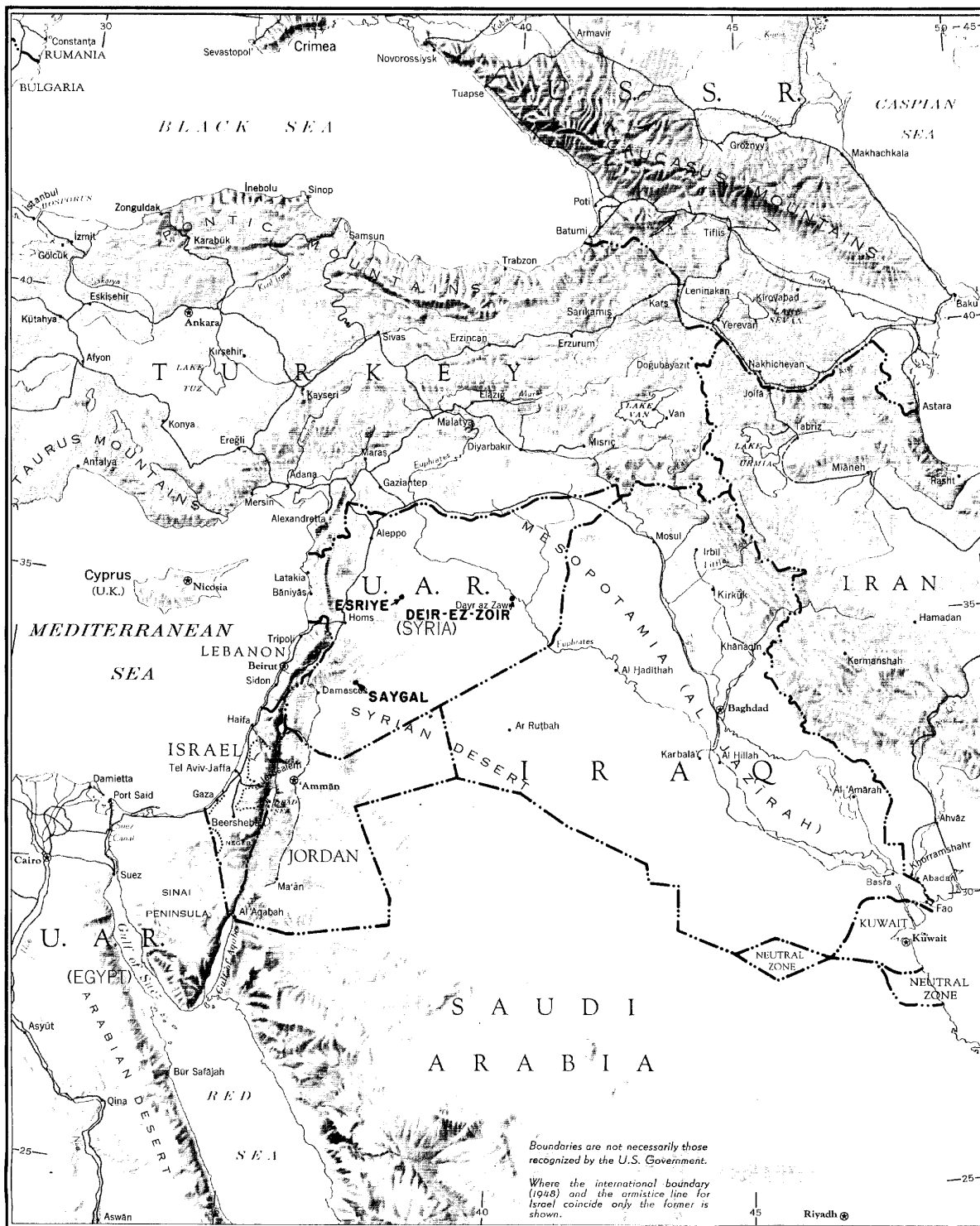
Saygal Airfield, reported [redacted] is located at 33°41'N/37°12'E, approximately three nm east of the town of Qasr Saygal. The runway is oriented east-northeast/west-southwest and delineated by some type of black marking on the ground. No aircraft were apparent on the photography, and the only facilities present at the time of overflight consisted of eight tents and miscellaneous storage.

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Deir Ez Zoir (South) Airfield, reported [redacted] is located at 35°17'N/40°11'E, approximately three nm south of the town of Deir Ez Zoir. The runway is oriented east-southeast/west-northwest and delineated by some type of white marking on the ground. No aircraft or facilities of any description were apparent on the photography.

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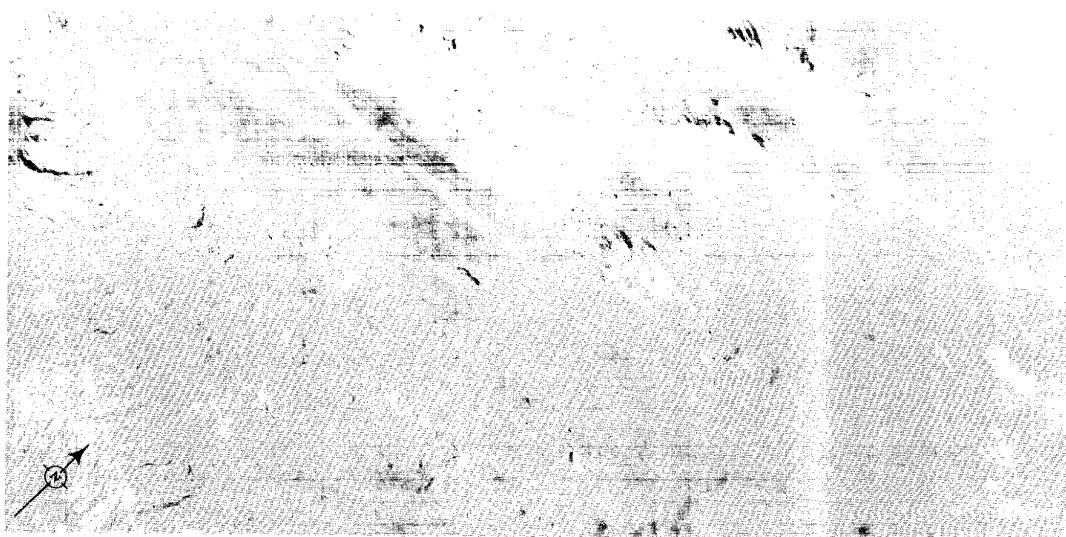
# NEW AIRFIELDS IN SYRIA



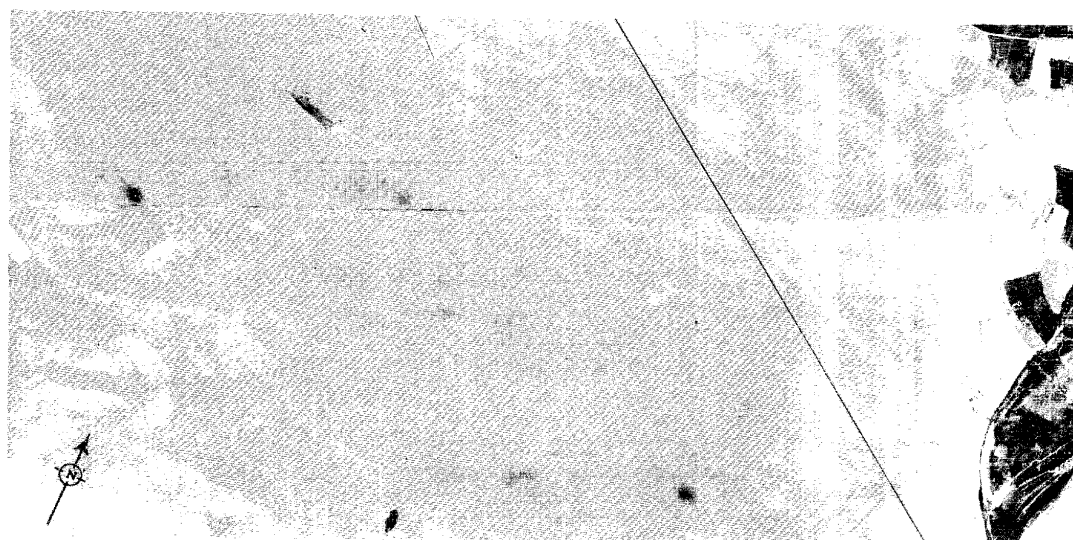
## COMPARATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY



ESRIYE AIRFIELD



SAYGAL AIRFIELD



DEIR EZ ZOIR AIRFIELD ( SOUTH)